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GREEK STRATEGY MAY DEFEAT TURKISH FORCE

Edhem Pasha, with His 40,000 Men, Is Marching Into a Trap.

Meanwhile the Greek Force, Leaving Damasi, Is Cutting Its Way to His Rear.

The Greek War Ships Bombard Platamona in the East and Preveza in the West, Doing Terrible Execution.

Katerina Is Also to Be Shelled, and Then the Fleet Will Move to Salonica-Greeks Gain Brilliant

Victories in Epirus.

By Langdon Perry.

THENS, April 21.—The bombardment of Platamona today by the Greek fleet reveals at last the clever plan of campaign which Prince Constantine is slowly unfolding.

While Edhem Pasha, with an army of 40,000, is surrounding the Greek headquarters at Larissa, a Greek army of 20,000 is pushing rapidly to the rear of the Turkish forces, with the intention of cutting off the enemy's line of retreat and base of supplies.

A portion of this army, which landed at Eleutheropoli, west of Kavali, some days ago, has as an objective point the Dedeagatch-Salonica Railroad, which is the solitary line of supplies for the Turkish army.

Trap Planned for Edhem Pasha.

With the support of the Greek fleet, which has arrived at Plata- spiriting rallying speech, which produced quality of their fighting men. mona, it is now believed that Edhem Pasha's army will be caught on the plains of Thessaly with 35,000 Greeks under Prince Constantine in front of him and 20,000 men and the Greek fleet behind him in possession of his line of retreat and base of supplies.

This dire contingency was not suspected by the Turkish com-

mander until yesterday.

A short distance west of Melouna the Greek army has taken the pass of Reveni, and is making its way into Turkish territory. It has captured the Turkish town of Damasi, and leaving it in ruins has invested the town of Viglia. Thus the two armies have passed each other, each going into the enemy's country.

Greeks Plan an Important Move.

As yet nothing has been heard of the 20,000 Greeks who are in the mountains east of Melouna pass. It was said at the palace to day that at the proper time this portion of the Greek army would make an important move.

The investment of Larissa has already begun. Two divisions of the Turkish army have arrived at a point about a mile and a half from that town. They have also captured the towns of Kriechora

The artillery duel which has been going on between the Greek and Turkish batteries across the river at Arta in the west still continues, although several Turkish batteries have been silenced.

Wherever the Greeks have gained a foothold in Epirus they Pasha, have been carrying most of the shore of the Gulf of Salonica. have erected fortifications. Colonel Manos, with 25,000 men, is pressing steadily forward toward Yanina, which is the base of supplies for the Turkish army in the west. He has already taken Phillip-

The Greek fleet has taken possession of the Turkish islands of Chios and Mytelene.

Porte Urged to Hasten Fleet.

To meet the plan of campaign of Prince Constantine, which he now seems to fully realize. Edhem Pasha has requested the Porte to order the Turkish fleet hurried to the Gulf of Salonica to meet the Greek vessels. The original plan of the Turkish commander was, apparently, to divide his army into two portions, one of which was to try to break through at the western end of the frontier at the Gulf of Arta, while the other was to force the passes commanding the approaches to Larissa, and so by different routes advance on Athens

The plan of campaign in the west has failed signally. The Turks are of little importance from a strategic operating against the Greeks. have been greatly disconcerted by the arrival of a portion of the Greek fleet in western waters, the bombardment of Preveza and the in a strong position in the Slati hills. vigorous attacks of the Greek army under Colonel Manos.

Instead of passing the boundary at Arta the Turks have found that the Greeks have invaded Turkish territory, and that Colonel Manos is now well on his way to Yanina.

TURKS IN A SNARE.

Greeks Hold the Reveni Pass, and May Soon Cut Off Edhem Pasha's Supplies. A 210

Athens, April 21-Midnight .- The Crown Prince Constantine telesaly, as follows:

"We have kept all our positions, and the situation to-day is excel-

the concentration of our troops. Prince Nicholas."

The absence of definite news to-day from Elassona, the headquarters of the Turkish troops in Macedonia, is giving rise to the marked by victories. Three Turkish postbelief that Edhem Pasha is suppressing all tions at Nezeros fell into their hands in sives in their possession. disputches.

The whole situation at Larissa now apgraphs from Larissa, the headquar- pears changed by the tenacity with which ters of the Greek forces in Thes- the Greeks are holding Reveni Pass. They may soon turn Edhem Pasha's position and cut off his communications with Elassona.

After Turnavo Was Taken. The Turkish occupation of Turnavo yes- available men to the front. The palace lent. Every road by which the terday was only accomplished by desper- guard and the gendarmeric will go to- terday was conducted at fighting on both sides. To-day the morrow, Volunteer bands are now organ-



PRINCE CONSTANTINE'S STRATEGIC TRANGLE ENCOMPASSING EDHEM BEY.

be opposed only by an army which will be without provisions or fresh supplies of ammunition.

Prince massed his troops and made an in- the provinces, long famous for the fine peace would be maintained and did his ut

The Turks captured Kriechora, a Greek rillage, and with it many prisoners and a arge store of arms and ammunition Badil, another village, has been lost by the

The Turks have occupied all the posi-tions on the plain of Larissa, with the single exception of the Prophet Ell post. lews is expected of a decisive battle at Greek Ships Do Effective Work at

Platomona and Pre-

Turkish Minister to the Journal.

Editor the New York Journal:

The chances of war are in the hands of God. Our Sultan is strong War broke out. For the rest our cause is in the hands of God; and we and humanity in the Cretan question and soldiers are everywhere. have every confidence that the American people, who are always just, when they know the facts will see the justice of our cause. I have the greatest respect for the American people, their judgment and impartiality. I have always noticed that the American people reserve their judgment on a cause until both sides are plain. I believe they do it in this, and that time will show that we are just.

pects to capture the place in three days. Platomona was exploded by a Greek shell, His force of 40,000 men is now advancing causing much damage and loss of life to by three routes, the plan being to sur- the enemy round Larissa, outflank the Greek wings and inflict a crushing defeat.

More Fighting at Damasi

going on in the plains of Damasi. While the victory is not yet decisive, the great ad-

the plain are now held by his troops. After Damasi was burned and abandoned | Vo

point of view, have been occupied by the

Greeks Burn Damasi.

to dislodge the Greeks.

prepared to march his forces to the plains. The advance of the Greeks was early

Hurrying Troops to the Front. All the shops in Athens were closed to

day, while prayers were being offered in

Every nerve is being strained to send all

positions which command the plains of Larissa.

Edam Pasha has declared that he ex-The powder magazine of the Turks at

The squadron will proceed to Katerina fifteen, miles north of Platomona, and a

little over thirty miles from Salonica. The bombardment of Preveza, at the

The most important posts which command the Turkish fortifications at Preveza, has been ordered to Tsagheri, in the Gulf of for the war,

by the Greeks a force of Turks took up a The Porte's officials at Salonica are vigit GREEKS' STRONG FIGHT. position there. A Greek brigade advancing lantly looking out for the Greek fleet, havcannonading by the Greeks is still going on.

Two posts, Ligaria and Karatzo, which base of Turkish supplies for the armies

Lookouts have been stationed on all the Turks. On the other hand the Greeks are prominent headlands and points of vantage

"I cannot wire at greater length couraged by the splendid work of the soldiers under his command, General Smothat I will give battle to the Great and The batteries.

In an algebra wire at greater length couraged by the splendid work of the soldiers under his command, General Smothat I will give battle to the Great and The highest bills ground Malauma Possible to the Great and The highest bill ground the highest bill gro sorders under his command, General Smo. The highest hills around Melouna Pass cross the bridge into Arta. This was prevented by the splendid work of the lenski ordered that Damasi be burned, and that it will give battle to the Greek fleet were found to have quantities of explo-

Orders to Attack-Other

Views.

Paris, April 21 .- The correspondent of saling plain has been secured by Moslems attempted to secure the post of juing everywhere throughout the country. Les dournal at athens but so interview

In Thessaly the whole population is be- with King George of Greece at the palace out they were repulsed.

After the retreat at Critzovali the Crown thousands will start for the frontier from ing he believed to the last moment that

but it is now too late to stop. A great crime has been committed against right

price it was impossible to stop her.

'Nevertheless," the article continues, "If either Greece or Turkey, in the event of see them burying their dead at dawn, defeat, invokes European Intervention, the powers will not refuse to endeavor to reestablish peace.'

The Greek fleet also bombarded the town GARIBALDI TO FIGHT.

Son of the Italian Patriot Will Draw His Sword for Greece.

Rome, April 21,-Riccotti Garibaldi, companied by a Garibaldian veteran. Col- mell over the parapets. Ever since dawn fierce fighting has been entrance of the Gulf of Arta, has been onel Gattarno, has salled for Greece, where

Divide His Army if He Takes Larissa.

Washington, April 21.—The Greco-Turkish campaign shows little change in the relaimmediately report the appearance of the tive positions of the armies during the past twenty-four hours. It seems plain that the cavalry led by Ali Bey. still occupying Damasi, but the attack of a number of torpedo boats have been stated in these tioned in well selected places, the entropy to dispatches, is strategically untenable. Never in the history of Greece, even when trance of the barbor, from Cape Kara to the dispatches are pressing on strangly toward Latins, which, as has been stated in these dispatches, is strategically untenable. Never in the history of Greece, even when the dispatches are pressing on strangly toward Latins, which, as has been stated in these dispatches, is strategically untenable. Never in the history of Greece, even when the dispatches are pressing on strangly toward Latins, which, as has been stated in these dispatches. In all these engagements the Greeks back to the plain of Neochoris. Turks are pressing on steadily toward La-En. nition have been sent to all the batteries. Salamorias flows through a rolling plain,

in the bay, A number of Greek irregulars are barely 500 feet above sea level. Me- Greek sharpshooters. To-day's victory was earned notwithstanding the preshaving been captured at Demir Hissar, stronghold. Its approaches are easier from the north than from the south. The incursive barbarians of ancient history always in the morning. forced it, and so it fell in this war. Th Austrian engineers who selected the VICTORY FOR GREEKS, operating against the Turks in Epirus, tele-KING BLAMES POWERS. Chiassa hills as the nerthern boundary in stend of the Olympian line, to which Greece the churches for the success of the Greek Greece's Ruler Says Turkey Received was entitled by the Berlin treaty, had an eye to its poor stragetic value, and left Greece practically defenceless against

The Greeks now have a second line of emporary defence stretching from West Continued on Second Page,

BATTLING IN THE WEST.

Greeks Forcing the Turks Back with Heavy Loss---Will Strike at Yanina.

By Sidney Roberts Burleigh.

RTA, April 21,-The artillery duel across the river at this place to-day has been tremendous. All day the heavy guns in the small Turkish forts opposite the town have roared in a thundering choir, and the Greek fortifications have kept up a steady response.

No especial advantage has been gained so far by either side in of heavy metal, although Arta is in ruins. Here and there arises the

There are hastily improvised hospitals scattered about the town, and these Vienna, April 21 .- Much attention has are filled with the maimed. For the greater part they are well taken care of. been attracted to an article in the semi- A staff of a dozen or more physicians is kept moving day and night. The Red official Fremdenblatt of Vicuna to the Cross people had two ambulances going this morning, but one of them was effect that while Greece desired war at any shattered by a cannon ball and the wounded Greek soldier inside was killed.

The Turks have also suffered greatly. Away off across the river we could

Advanced Into Turkish Territory.

Before sunrise the Ninth Regiment was in line ready for work. By boat we advanced across the river into Turkish territory, forming on the far side under the high shelter of the bank.

At the word the Greeks swung out into the open and charged a line of small Turkish forts in a forest half a kilometre in advance.

Refore the Greeks had covered half the distance the forts opened fire, using five and ten pounders and rifles. The fire was well directed and effective

The Greeks fixed bayonets as they ran and swung right up to the line of son of the famous General Garlbaldi, ac- fortifications in rather bad order, but with a wild valor that carried them pell

> In a few minutes they had carried three of the forts, and the Turks after firing a few shots fell back from the others.

General Smolenski is pushing forward. The Greek ironclad Spetzal, which has the Italian coasts are embarking men who have relatively with great success. Several steamers at various places along the Italian coasts are embarking men who been taking part in the bombardment of have relatively to the village of Neochoris, which we found Afterward I went out with a strong reconnoltring party of Greek cavalry.

Swept the Turks Away.

They refused to surrender and the Greeks attacked at once. The town was from Boughese late this afternoon opened fing been informed that the war vessels fire upon the Turks thus intrenched. The of Greece have been ordered to make an eight been informed that the war vessels and the contract of the property of swept clear, with the exception of one house, which was held by forty-five them. They replied to the fire with great valor, and above the shrill rattle of the guns we could hear them singing as they fought. All but one died fighting.

After this we rode over ditches filled in places with the bodies of Turks. Crossing an open plain we came within about a mile of the Turkish village of Kiros, when, around a bend of the road in front, came a body of Turkish

With fine precision they wheeled into line and began a rapid fire that drove In all these engagements the Greeks showed great dash and courage. To-

o dislodge the Greeks.

The latter, by desperate fighting, repulsed

to the mainland of Macedonia, is strung with an invasion been repelled in Thessaly. The To day Turkish troops, protected by the cannon on the hills, attempted to

> who have been brought here as prisoners, loung Pass has never been considered a ence of German officers on the Turkish side. I shall go with the Greek troops that are getting into position to advance

Manos and His Army Capture Phillippiada, and Will Move on Yanina.

Arta, April 21.—The Greek forces in the | The Greeks have fortified many places west are still gaining victories. Colone, in Epirus and are continuing their march Manos, in command of the Greek army, to Yanina.

Imaret Fort and has advanced without opposition to Phillippinda, which place the Purks abandoned after burning it. Colonel ballippinda.